HOHENZOLLERN DREAM OF WORLD MASTERY BEHIND KAISER'S CAREER

30 YEARS' REIGN **ENDS IN DEBACLE**

King-Emperor Sacrificed German Blood and Treasure for Phantom Goal.

BORN SWORD IN HAND

Survey of Wilhelm's Career and Ambitions That Cost Him His Throne.

By J. I. C. CLARKE.

THE MAN AND HIS TIME.

There passes from his throne under the an of the human race a man who has carried the belmet crown of German kalserhood since 1888. In these thirty years he showed in marked degree every ruse and every quality that is hateful to mankind under the camouflage of a hunt for fame and a passion for popularity.

As a Honenzollern he was born vanity, personal display and the lust for power, and whatever he did of seeming good in speech or act, he nursed under all the mad Hohenzolledn dream of personal aggrandizement to be sought relentlessly when the moment came at the cost of millions of German lives, the carnage of German flesh, the blood,

the carriage of German flesh, the blood, the wounds, the ravished homes, the vast wasted treasure of Germany.

It is outside the possibilities that he wavered a hair or lost a smile over the millions of lives, the tears, the plunder, the destruction, he brought about in the world outside Germany. That would be too much to ask. Having duped, starved, decimated, impovertshed, dishonored his own people he now surveys the ruin of the bloody Hohensullern dream.

Trained for Useless Sacrifice.

Germany had been trained for the useless sacrifice as a people to obey and a nation to endure his contient whims, and by supporting him and the aristocrats and militarists at their wildest the Germans brought on themselves the curse of the world. Truly if God permitted a Kaiser to be, He could have chosen no other vessel to make visi-ble the inherent vileness of the model. ble the inherent vileness of the model.

In judging him and his place in history this excess of types must be remembered Frederlo the Elector, whom Germans call the Great; was just as excessive, just as strenuous in forcing death and sacrifice upon his people, but times have changed. A new gospel denying the right of any one to inflict disaster on the people has reached the infelligent, and Germany pays for his master butcher.

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war for conquest, war for a high place—
the highest in history among the killers
of men. What will remain of it all
can be put under an old wife's thimble.
That he came to the throne with a
cry to the army, nourished the military
fideal, apparently lapsed into good namust remember that the battle they

its extent and variety, that the really
become pure theatricality. From few
monarchical outfits, any more than from
the hohenzollern autocracy to
the which he was born, the dramatic, yes, the
atricality be wholly absent. In William
however, it grew apace. Just as the
woman who paints her face is apt to
other as seen in his acts, his life, one
other as seen in his acts, his life, one
must remember that the battle they
self lost focus, and but for the underture and fostered trade, patted the arts, worshipped science and made himself into a pulpit thumping preacher must be told of him, but the face of the hard jawed war lord, the shricker for un-questioning divinely demanded obedience was never wholly absent and later the bought behind it became an obsession.

Warrior Behind It All.

away before the anarchistic madness that followed on the reaction against autocracy. It was a warning against all such rulers as the Czar or the Kaiser, and so remains. If Nicholas exhibited an easy weakness, the stupendous power for ill of a Czar. Wilhelm II., under the disguise of his theatric dash, false glitter and occasional bonhomic, made clear the persisting, reck-less cruelty and disregard of human rights and lives. German as well as others, that underlie all pretensions to power of a poisonous race like the Ho-henzollerns. Herein lies the broad lesson of his reign.

Never was trenmendous sweep to conquest more rudely stopped than Ger-many's first rush was at the Marne. Ah, he would settle that. His eldest son, the Crown Prince, who had for a year been crying out for blood, was among the fung back, but Wilhelm sent him to the castern front, where again the boy, taking the command from wiver heads, led the Germans to disaster. The High the Germans to disaster. The High General Staff shook itself like a soused mastiff, and actually warned the Kaiser off the conduct of the war. For appearances he still commanded in name, but his capacity for blunder was inherent. Von Hindenburg's reversal of the Russtan invasion of East Prussia marked or Germany the true leader for the Against this Wilhelm long strugried in vain. Was his "star" so dim! Could it be done safely to him and his throne? At any rate he was forced to the change, and put the victor over Rennenkampf in the supreme sad-

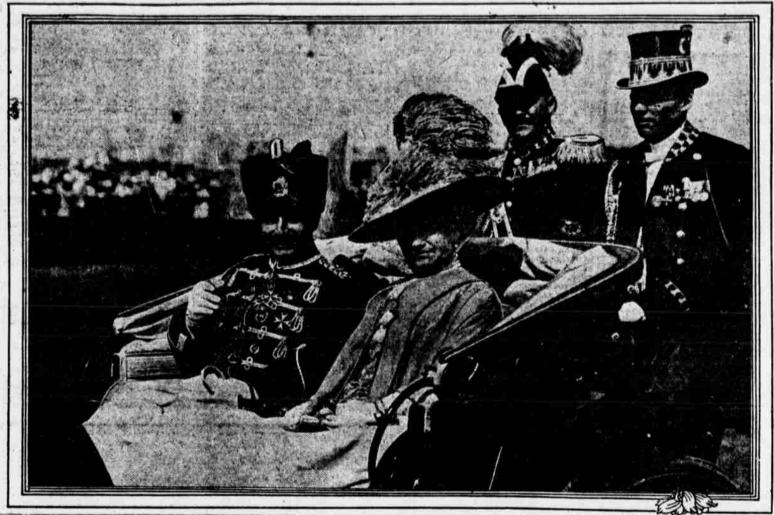
Falsetto Addresses to Troops.

Thenceforth began the hideous tragiwith a really supernumerary military Kaiser, sickening under the strain and the wrath of his humiliations and trying to put a face of satisfaction on it. What febrile hopping from front to front: what falsetto addresses to the troops, what showering of Iron Crosses followed. What applause he had for a rictory anywhere: more crosses! A new lecoration went with a flourish to Von

Hindenburg every month.

In the mawdust ring there is such a figure—one with all the swagger of command, the bustle of the superserviceable running from point to point to help, to direct impotently amid roars of laughter. In the circus he is called Monsieur Al-phonse: in Germany, at war, it had be-come the Kaiser. The Serbian overthrow rave him grand occasion. The collapse of Russia another; the advance on Italy mother, but the March, 1918, offensive in the western front with its horrible daughter of Germans by the hundred housand kept him after the first day, when he telegraphed blasphemy to the rin, calling on Germans for sacri-pad proclaiming his old lie that he

The Kaiser and the Kaiserin Are Photographed While Taking a Drive



dam. Uncanny the whole picture of the

must remember that the battle they fought within him have ranged over a life campaign of nearly sixty years, time for many changes and reversals.

That a mysticism, an aggressive re-

it was not ended.

Ageing, grizzling, worn, his olden maladles accentuated, he became a pittable figure as one stamped on the face with that ever after stirred his blood. Through all his after activities the army was figure as one stamped on the face with next his heart—the great war machine, the wrath of God. The death of the old Austrian Emperor, Francis Joseph, of bitter heartbreak, was a shock to Wilhelm, which the new young Emperor Charles failed to mitigate. Soon, indeed, he came to be an added plague to Potshe whose smooth running not only must all stacles should be made to disappear, for whose smooth running not only must all German males tug at its ropes, but of which all roads, all railways, must be the servants before they were anything elsa. What phantom of glory, be it that of a alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, Bonaparte, of Molite or the Red Prince, did not flit continually before his eyes, luring him ever on! He loved to be photographed.

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had not brought on the war, and that the Crown Prince Frederick—the it was all the fault of the Allies that the Unser Fritz of the French campaign—ince," and became the Admirable Criching to the throne. In other words the end of the Bismarck than with his commany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the task to what nation could stand in Germany's way, and made little of the

A man so various that he seemed to be Not one, but all mankind's epitome. nd in the course of one revolving moon Was chemist, statesman, fiddler and buffoun.

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The Second Phase of His Life ..

phase of his life. It marked his first

From 1890 to 1886 would be the second

He painted for the painters, he modelied for the sculptors, he wrote plays for dramatists, he taught music to mu-

sicians, he preached for the divines The military obsession was obsesthe handmaids of peace. It would not be fair to say that this was wholly un-conscious. When later on he began to take measure of himself in rare days of leisure, there is evidence that he was quite surprised at his moderation and with the inherited and acquired did not fail to point it out to the world. Yet, tempting him to action, there was been a conscious or unconscious flamboyancy growing out of his habits of exaltation, but which tended at length to called on; nay, would be never have the chance to direct it against-anyody? When William, two years in the sad-

dle, dismissed Otto von Bismarck, the empire builder, the world was filled with misgivings. With that great influence removed, with the incandescent William practically "his own Chancellor," as Rismarck said in his soured humiliation, what indiscretions might he not com-mit? Caprivi, more tactful than brill-iant, saw that nothing happened, yet held his place. Hismarck, who had fought within him have ranged over a lying intensity would have made at last a continuous exhibition not to be associated with a serious monarchy.

That a mysticism, an aggressive religioning religionity rather than a simple religion grew upon him in the last twenty years of life must also be considered in accounting for the sum total of his personality. Prince, King, Emperor he felt himself at all times. In the long survey one sees that his highest conception of that kingship was that of the supreme soulder.

self lost focus, and but for the underlying intensity would have made at last a continuous exhibition not to be associated with a serious monarchy.

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One is not here reheaving his bloody campaigns. In one against Russia a home revolt fluing the Caar from the form the conquest. The republics seasy payment of the four milliards of the first war machine was there ever ready to his hand: the Junkers, the military caste, would at any time have followed with a rush the throwing of in hand. His boyhood had been one of the wild had been the definition of the Napoleonic defeats and overrunning of Germany caste, would at any time have followed with a rush the throwing of in hand. His boyhood had been one of the wild had been the certainty with military caste, would at any time have followed with a rush the throwing of in hand. His boyhood had been one of the wild had been the defent and overrunning of Germany stream to the four milliards of the freed in the residue was made in the rush of the risk gauntlet into the arena, but the restaining factors were too many and too strong. Most fortunate of young ago—had given way to the newer glory of the swift, declaive war on France in Mark the certainty with which the old master butcher spoke—in the first singular than the creation of the risk gauntlet into the arena, but the restaining factors were too many and too strong. Most fortunate of young and an solidified and holding a great work was no nation before the ready to his hand: the Junkers, the military caste, would at any time have followed with a rush the thromen on the restaining factors were too many and too strong. Most fortunate of young and solidified and holding a great work manile army, but all around him the contest was s

his energy, his authority were made concrete in mere canals, more ocean steamships, more railroads, more in-stitutions of learning, and so on and so on. He was the Great Accelerator. His so on. He was the Great Accelerator. His days were full. He learned an endless array of things by a process of quack absorption. On a new topic he read a little, sent for its best exponents and talked it over; if it was physically demonstrable it was demonstrated for him. It was this period that most endeared him to Germany at large although prehim to Germany at large, although pre-cisely the period wherein he made less stir abroad. It had its apogee in the opening of the Kaiser Wilhelm ship canal, better known as the Kiel Canal. Kaiser and Nation Aligned.

The Kaiser of the third epoch is a somewhat different man, and it is a different Germany that he ruled. That both Kaiser and country marched side by side is undentable. It is expressed in his new pretension of 1896 "The German Empire becomes a world empire." Long before that date had Nietzsche written his call to Germany to cast off its leading strings of the old civilization, to arise and be selfthe old civilization, to arise and be selfish, to sweep the weak from off its path, to skeep the weak from off its path, to skells the Ten Commandments as only fit for the deficient, to have the Will to Power, to take the superman shipbuilder, to enormous strain to keep for model. Also eprach Zarathustra ahead of her on her old two power box basis. lumatic had been stirring, infecting, if you wish, the minds of dreaming schol-ars, and about this time shey were to spread out, and be vocal in the mouths of the talkers who spoke to the masses. He was followed by others. Among the most influential was Heinrich von Treitschke, who again made most impression when he had ceased to live in 1895. Here was a forcible thinker without filusions as to what should or should not stand in the way of a sovshould not stand in the way of a sovereign people on the trek, and the group of his lectures in a volume "Politik" set clearly down that expand Germany must or die; that colonies must be had from England; hence conflict with England was unavoidable. Treitschke was as flame to the common mind, and the Emperor was not slow to fall in with the new mental state. Hence-forth one was to hear mystic allusions to rights and the needs of one nation holding what another desired. hard! was another whose "Next War" set afloat many guesses by the vulgar as to what nation could stand in Gersuccession and his family quarre, piquant as they are for the "secret" court chroniclers—the fellows who blab

His utterances became more apocalyptic; his actiors more peremptory. He was "Responsible to God alone." Two Catbolic German missionaries were killed by the ignorant Chinese of Shan tung, and after some preliminary flour-ishes a naval expedition was sent to China, where under his direct orders Klao-chow was selzed by way of pay-ment for the murders. China, as usual, too weak or too spiritless to more than essays at home politics, many states of ities, his conflict with the agrarians or land owners, his fruitiess war upon the register its objection, such this he find leaped over the head of his consisting the navy, 'his turn to characteristic in the navy, 'his turn to characteristic in the navy, 'his turn to characteristic in the navel of Germany applauded and large funds were found for the building of harbor works, forts and a whole new German Soon a lease war Socialists, Caprivi's commentation of the many applicated and specific part of the pays, his turn to comment the progress. He had originated nothing, he stimulated everything, inated nothing, he stimulated everything, town at Tsing-tao. Soon a losse was procured from China, followed by railroad concessions in Shantung. German road concessions in Shantung. gave ear to so liberal a spender us Will-

tional system, the scientific research or-ganizations, the steel industry, the tex-Here are brief snips from his number tile industry, the ocean steamship lines, canal building, the railroad extenless speeches showing his growing obion, the art movement, all had had ex- session and his deep rooted self-conceit Istence before his day. His optimism, As I look upon myself as an instrument of

the Lord. I am indifferent to the point of view of the present day.

The King holds his power by the grace of God, to whom sione is he responsible. He chooses his own path and only decides his actions from this point of view.

There is only one master in this country: I am he, and I will not tolerate another.

There is only one inaw-my law-the law which I myself lay down.

The solder must not have a will of his own-they must all have only one will, and that will mine.

The foreigner has learned the consequences of offending the German Empreor.

It is the soldier and the army, not parliamentary majorities and votes, that have welded the German Empreor. My confidence rests upon the army.

We are now in a position to raise the visor of our helmet and to look with the fearless eyes of a courageous German at any one who may block the path we have mapped out for ourselves.

"Imperial power," he said in one of

Minister of Marine, and the new navy porters, and the outpush in Mesopotamic with unexampled speed for Germany, putting England, the old shipbuilder, fo enormous strain to keep ahead of her on her old two power basis.

Klao-chow in 1897 had was taked for example of the Mesopotamic with the Bagdad or Euphrates Valley with the Bagdad or Euphrates Valley arcused Russia as move that an every ple. The German finger was in every ple. The Morocco difficulty of 1905 was

Germany was advancing commercially with great vigor. Nothing, it was felt, could be accomplished in the expanding foreign field without a great and strong fleet. When in the heat of the Boxer massacres he despatched Prince Henry to China with a naval and military force he adjured him in a pompous address to show Germany's "mailed fist" to China and charged the German soldiers to take no prisoners, the first naked avowal of own—they must all have only one will, and that will mine.

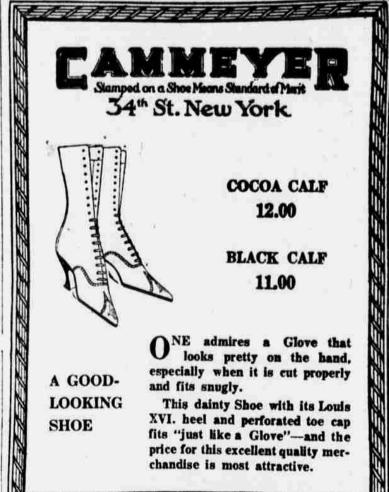
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"Imperial power," he said in one of his addresses, "means sea power, and sea power and imperial power are dependent on each other. Our future lies on the water. The trident should be is our hand. We stand under the star of commerce. We demand our place in the sun."

And he wrangled and fought with his reluctant Reichstag until at last they fell in with him and gave him the money. In 1899 Admiral von Tirpits was made Minister of Marine, and the new navy came into being with unavarmpled meed.





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